

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: Urban Park and Recreation Fund

Activity	2002 Enacted	FY 2003			Change From 2002 (+/-)
		Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2003 Budget Request	
Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants	28,900	0	-28,900	0	-28,900
Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration	1,100	0	-800	300	-800
Total Requirements	30,000	0	-29,700	300	-29,700

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 2501-2514	The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978
Public Law 95-625	The National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Title X
Public Law 106-113	The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, as enacted by section 1000(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000

Overview

The **Urban Park and Recreation Fund** appropriation provides matching grants to local governments to rehabilitate existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities; contributes to an increase in investments by urban jurisdictions in planning, revitalization, and operation and maintenance of existing recreation systems; and provides grants to communities to demonstrate innovative and cost-effective ways to enhance park and recreation opportunities at the neighborhood level.

Applicable National Park Service Mission Goals

- IIIb** Through partnerships with State and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.
- IIIc** Assisted through Federal funds and programs, the protection of recreational opportunities is achieved through formal mechanisms to ensure continued access for public recreation use.

Activity: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants

FY 2002 Enacted: \$28.900 million

FY 2002 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Over the last 23 years, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program has helped rehabilitate playgrounds, recreation centers, parks, ball fields, tennis and basketball courts, and swimming pools in urban areas and supported the delivery of needed recreational opportunities in a variety of innovative ways. UPARR targets grants to economically distressed urban communities for the rehabilitation of recreation facilities and to increase and enhance the provision of recreation programs and services. By law, the program encourages systematic local planning and commitment to continuing operation and maintenance of recreation programs, sites, and facilities. Application criteria include heavier weighting of non-Federal resources as an encouragement to increase the leveraging of Federal funds. All projects require at least a 30 percent match.

In FY 2002, \$28.9 million is available for new grants to eligible cities and counties. A grant round is planned for early spring. Approximately 325 to 350 rehabilitation grant requests will compete for funding and between 80

to 125 grants will be awarded. In FY 2001, 95 rehabilitation grants were awarded from the \$28.8 million available. Examples of these grants include:

- Renovation of contaminated ball fields and ball courts into nine tennis courts with a private foundation providing summer and after school programs for at-risk youth in Jacksonville, Florida
- Replacement of an antiquated park in New York City
- Renovation of a swimming pool and playground in San Antonio, Texas
- The upgrade of basketball courts in four neighborhood parks in San Joaquin County, California
- The repair of a 30-year old swimming pool in Trenton, New Jersey

FY 2003 Budget Request: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	28,900
Programmatic Changes	
• Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants	-28,900
TOTAL, Program Changes¹	-28,900
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2003 Budget Request	0
Net Change	-28,900

¹Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this appropriation's presentation.

Activity: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration

FY 2002 Enacted: \$1.100 million

FY 2002 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

UPARR administration provides grant applicants with technical assistance in updating plans and developing grant applications, reviews and ranks several hundred pre-applications, and grants awards and obligates funds for awarded grants. In FY 2002, \$1.1 million will be used for UPARR administrative expenses. The activity covers expenses associated with reviewing and awarding grants in FY 2002 and with stewardship and oversight of approximately 1,400 previously funded projects, including rehabilitation and innovation grants. Oversight responsibilities include periodic inspections or grantee certifications of completed project sites to ensure continuing full public access and utility for recreation as required by section 1010 of the enabling legislation. Included in this responsibility is to minimize the loss of public recreation opportunities by intervention when protected sites are threatened with conversion to non-recreation use.

Performance Goals

Goal IIIb2. Partner with communities to provide additional recreational opportunities and protect resources

Target	Measure	Goals	
		Annual FY 2003	Long-term FY 2005
Community recreation opportunities and resource protection	Percent of communities satisfied with NPS partnership assistance in providing recreation and conservation benefits on land and waters	94.4%	95.0%

Goal IIIc1. Partner with communities to protect, conserve, and/or rehabilitate public recreation lands and facilities

Target	Measure	Goals						
		FY 2000 Base	Annual FY 2003			Long-term FY 2005		
			Number	Increase	% Properties Protected	Number	Increase	% Properties Protected
Community recreation opportunities and resource conservation	Recreational properties assisted and protected by NPS programs*	32,738	35,542	8.6%	100%	38,656	18.1%	100%

*Includes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, and Federal Lands to Parks Program.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program Workload Factors

Workload Factors	FY 2001 Actual	FY 2002 Estimate	FY 2003 Estimate
Number of sites inspected and certified operational	11	436	350
Number of threatened sites	39	50	65
Number of active grants completed and closed out	1	10	50

FY 2003 Budget Request: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration

Request Component	Amount
FY 2002 Enacted Budget	1,100
Programmatic Changes	
• Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration	-800
TOTAL, Program Changes¹	-800
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2003 Budget Request	300
Net Change	-800

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Justification of FY 2003 Budget Request for Urban Park and Recreation Fund

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FY 2002 Enacted Budget	30,000
Programmatic Changes	
• Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants	-28,900
• Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration	-800
TOTAL, Program Changes	-29,700
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
FY 2003 Budget Request	300
Net Change	-29,700

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants: -\$28.900 million

The elimination of funding for this budget activity in FY 2003 is proposed in order to support higher priorities.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration: -\$0.800 million; -6 FTE

A decrease of \$0.8 million in funding in FY 2003 is requested to reflect the elimination of new grant funds and to support higher priorities. The remaining balance of \$0.3 million will be used to oversee active projects that were approved in the FY 2000, 2001, and 2002 grant rounds. In addition, these administrative funds are necessary to ensure minimum staff support for park stewardship and protection activities to minimize the loss of and threat to recreation opportunities as mandated by the enabling legislation.
